

XXII.—*Removal of large Adipose Tumour from Right Labium.* By Dr. R. WIGHT, St. John's, C.F.

Madam B—, aetat 68, French Canadian, a hard working woman, consulted me about the removal of a growth of the genital organs, and gave the following particulars:—30 years ago was delivered very quickly of her third child; immediately after which she discovered a large hard swelling of the right labium pudendi, for which little or no treatment was adopted. During the succeeding eight years, had several children, and experienced some little trouble from the tumor, which continued to increase slowly and steadily, interfering more or less with each act of parturition. For the past 22 years, that is since the cessation of the catemenia, the tumor has increased more rapidly, and from its great weight and size, causes much pain, and gives her a very peculiar, waddling gait, remarked by all who see her going or coming from market, or while engaged in harvest work.—Has derived no benefit wearing a suspensory bandage, or any other contrivance of a similar nature.—

On examination, the tumor presented itself between the thighs, extending from the vulva to the knees, attached to the right lab: pudendi by a large pedicle, 6 inches by five in diameter—three inches long and gradually expanding into the body of tumor, which measured 14 inches in length and 26 inches in circumference. The pedicle was formed by the drawing down of the labium pud: the inner or perineal aspect being covered by the fine red and delicate mucous membrane of vagina, whilst the outer or crural was coursed over by numerous and tortuous veins. The skin covering the tumor itself was very coarse, and resembled that of elephantiasis. She complained that latterly the dragging down pain was constant and intolerable, and “felt as if the weight of the tumor would draw every thing out of her:—General health good, glands of groin unaffected, and patient very anxious to have the enlarged mass removed.—

Having determined, that it was not malignant, but most probably an adipose tumor, and removable by knife, I obtained the assistance of Dr. Kingdom, R. C. R. and Dr. Bissonette and on the 10th inst. removed the same.

After placing the old woman on the table, as for lithotomy and bringing her under the influence of chloroform, a knife, such as is used for amputation of the forearm was carried through the pedicle, a little towards the inner aspect, and by pushing it downwards and inwards, an internal flap was formed. Replacing the knife where it entered, and carrying it downwards and outwards an external flap was formed, and the body of the tumor completely detached and removed. Several arteries spirted